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1 AN ACT relating to public protection.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 600.020 is amended to read as follows:

4 As used in KRS Chapters 600 to 645, unless the context otherwise requires:

5 (1) "Abused or neglected child" means a child whose health or welfare is harmed or
6 threatened with harm when:

7 (a) His or her parent, guardian, person in a position of authority or special trust,
8 as defined in KRS 532.045, or other person exercising custodial control or
9 supervision of the child:

10 1.{(a)} Inflicts or allows to be inflicted upon the child physical or
11 emotional injury as defined in this section by other than accidental
12 means;

13 2.{(b)} Creates or allows to be created a risk of physical or emotional
14 injury as defined in this section to the child by other than accidental
15 means;

16 3.{(c)} Engages in a pattern of conduct that renders the parent incapable of
17 caring for the immediate and ongoing needs of the child including, but
18 not limited to, parental incapacity due to alcohol and other drug abuse as
19 defined in KRS 222.005;

20 4.{(d)} Continuously or repeatedly fails or refuses to provide essential
21 parental care and protection for the child, considering the age of the
22 child;

23 5.{(e)} Commits or allows to be committed an act of sexual abuse, sexual
24 exploitation, or prostitution upon the child;

25 6.{(f)} Creates or allows to be created a risk that an act of sexual abuse,
26 sexual exploitation, or prostitution will be committed upon the child;

27 7.{(g)} Abandons or exploits the child;

1 ~~8.{(h)}~~ Does not provide the child with adequate care, supervision, food,
 2 clothing, shelter, and education or medical care necessary for the child's
 3 well-being. A parent or other person exercising custodial control or
 4 supervision of the child legitimately practicing the person's religious
 5 beliefs shall not be considered a negligent parent solely because of
 6 failure to provide specified medical treatment for a child for that reason
 7 alone. This exception shall not preclude a court from ordering necessary
 8 medical services for a child; or

9 ~~9.{(i)}~~ Fails to make sufficient progress toward identified goals as set
 10 forth in the court-approved case plan to allow for the safe return of the
 11 child to the parent that results in the child remaining committed to the
 12 cabinet and remaining in foster care for fifteen (15) of the most recent
 13 twenty-two (22) months; or

14 (b) A person twenty-one (21) years of age or older commits or allows to be
 15 committed an act of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or prostitution upon
 16 a child less than sixteen (16) years of age;

17 (2) "Aggravated circumstances" means the existence of one (1) or more of the
 18 following conditions:

- 19 (a) The parent has not attempted or has not had contact with the child for a period
 20 of not less than ninety (90) days;
- 21 (b) The parent is incarcerated and will be unavailable to care for the child for a
 22 period of at least one (1) year from the date of the child's entry into foster care
 23 and there is no appropriate relative placement available during this period of
 24 time;
- 25 (c) The parent has sexually abused the child and has refused available treatment;
- 26 (d) The parent has been found by the cabinet to have engaged in abuse of the
 27 child that required removal from the parent's home two (2) or more times in

1 the past two (2) years; or

2 (e) The parent has caused the child serious physical injury;

3 (3) "Beyond the control of parents" means a child who has repeatedly failed to follow
4 the reasonable directives of his or her parents, legal guardian, or person exercising
5 custodial control or supervision other than a state agency, which behavior results in
6 danger to the child or others, and which behavior does not constitute behavior that
7 would warrant the filing of a petition under KRS Chapter 645;

8 (4) "Beyond the control of school" means any child who has been found by the court to
9 have repeatedly violated the lawful regulations for the government of the school as
10 provided in KRS 158.150, and as documented in writing by the school as a part of
11 the school's petition or as an attachment to the school's petition. The petition or
12 attachment shall describe the student's behavior and all intervention strategies
13 attempted by the school;

14 (5) "Boarding home" means a privately owned and operated home for the boarding and
15 lodging of individuals which is approved by the Department of Juvenile Justice or
16 the cabinet for the placement of children committed to the department or the
17 cabinet;

18 (6) "Cabinet" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;

19 (7) "Certified juvenile facility staff" means individuals who meet the qualifications of,
20 and who have completed a course of education and training in juvenile detention
21 developed and approved by, the Department of Juvenile Justice after consultation
22 with other appropriate state agencies;

23 (8) "Child" means any person who has not reached his or her eighteenth birthday,
24 unless otherwise provided;

25 (9) "Child-caring facility" means any facility or group home other than a state facility,
26 Department of Juvenile Justice contract facility or group home, or one certified by
27 an appropriate agency as operated primarily for educational or medical purposes,

1 providing residential care on a twenty-four (24) hour basis to children not related by
2 blood, adoption, or marriage to the person maintaining the facility;

3 (10) "Child-placing agency" means any agency, other than a state agency, which
4 supervises the placement of children in foster family homes or child-caring facilities
5 or which places children for adoption;

6 (11) "Clinical treatment facility" means a facility with more than eight (8) beds
7 designated by the Department of Juvenile Justice or the cabinet for the treatment of
8 mentally ill children. The treatment program of such facilities shall be supervised by
9 a qualified mental health professional;

10 (12) "Commitment" means an order of the court which places a child under the custodial
11 control or supervision of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of
12 Juvenile Justice, or another facility or agency until the child attains the age of
13 eighteen (18) unless the commitment is discharged under KRS Chapter 605 or the
14 committing court terminates or extends the order;

15 (13) "Community-based facility" means any nonsecure, homelike facility licensed,
16 operated, or permitted to operate by the Department of Juvenile Justice or the
17 cabinet, which is located within a reasonable proximity of the child's family and
18 home community, which affords the child the opportunity, if a Kentucky resident, to
19 continue family and community contact;

20 (14) "Complaint" means a verified statement setting forth allegations in regard to the
21 child which contain sufficient facts for the formulation of a subsequent petition;

22 (15) "Court" means the juvenile session of District Court unless a statute specifies the
23 adult session of District Court or the Circuit Court;

24 (16) "Court-designated worker" means that organization or individual delegated by the
25 Administrative Office of the Courts for the purposes of placing children in
26 alternative placements prior to arraignment, conducting preliminary investigations,
27 and formulating, entering into, and supervising diversion agreements and

- 1 performing such other functions as authorized by law or court order;
- 2 (17) "Deadly weapon" has the same meaning as it does in KRS 500.080;
- 3 (18) "Department" means the Department for Community Based Services;
- 4 (19) "Dependent child" means any child, other than an abused or neglected child, who is
5 under improper care, custody, control, or guardianship that is not due to an
6 intentional act of the parent, guardian, or person exercising custodial control or
7 supervision of the child;
- 8 (20) "Detention" means the safe and temporary custody of a juvenile who is accused of
9 conduct subject to the jurisdiction of the court who requires a restricted
10 environment for his or her own or the community's protection;
- 11 (21) "Detention hearing" means a hearing held by a judge or trial commissioner within
12 twenty-four (24) hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays, of the start of any
13 period of detention prior to adjudication;
- 14 (22) "Diversion agreement" means an agreement entered into between a court-designated
15 worker and a child charged with the commission of offenses set forth in KRS
16 Chapters 630 and 635, the purpose of which is to serve the best interest of the child
17 and to provide redress for those offenses without court action and without the
18 creation of a formal court record;
- 19 (23) "Emergency shelter" is a group home, private residence, foster home, or similar
20 homelike facility which provides temporary or emergency care of children and
21 adequate staff and services consistent with the needs of each child;
- 22 (24) "Emotional injury" means an injury to the mental or psychological capacity or
23 emotional stability of a child as evidenced by a substantial and observable
24 impairment in the child's ability to function within a normal range of performance
25 and behavior with due regard to his or her age, development, culture, and
26 environment as testified to by a qualified mental health professional;
- 27 (25) "Firearm" shall have the same meaning as in KRS 237.060 and 527.010;

- 1 (26) "Foster family home" means a private home in which children are placed for foster
2 family care under supervision of the cabinet or a licensed child-placing agency;
- 3 (27) "Habitual runaway" means any child who has been found by the court to have been
4 absent from his or her place of lawful residence without the permission of his or
5 her custodian for at least three (3) days during a one (1) year period;
- 6 (28) "Habitual truant" means any child who has been found by the court to have been
7 reported as a truant as defined in KRS 159.150(1) two (2) or more times during a
8 one (1) year period;
- 9 (29) "Hospital" means, except for purposes of KRS Chapter 645, a licensed private or
10 public facility, health care facility, or part thereof, which is approved by the cabinet
11 to treat children;
- 12 (30) "Independent living" means those activities necessary to assist a committed child to
13 establish independent living arrangements;
- 14 (31) "Informal adjustment" means an agreement reached among the parties, with
15 consultation, but not the consent, of the victim of the crime or other persons
16 specified in KRS 610.070 if the victim chooses not to or is unable to participate,
17 after a petition has been filed, which is approved by the court, that the best interest
18 of the child would be served without formal adjudication and disposition;
- 19 (32) "Intentionally" means, with respect to a result or to conduct described by a statute
20 which defines an offense, that the actor's conscious objective is to cause that result
21 or to engage in that conduct;
- 22 (33) "Intermittent holding facility" means a physically secure setting, which is entirely
23 separated from sight and sound from all other portions of a jail containing adult
24 prisoners, in which a child accused of a public offense may be detained for a period
25 not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours, exclusive of weekends and holidays prior to a
26 detention hearing as provided for in KRS 610.265, and in which children are
27 supervised and observed on a regular basis by certified juvenile facility staff;

- 1 (34) "Juvenile holding facility" means a physically secure facility, approved by the
2 Department of Juvenile Justice, which is an entirely separate portion or wing of a
3 building containing an adult jail, which provides total sight and sound separation
4 between juvenile and adult facility spatial areas and which is staffed by sufficient
5 certified juvenile facility staff to provide twenty-four (24) hours per day
6 supervision;
- 7 (35) "Least restrictive alternative" means, except for purposes of KRS Chapter 645, that
8 the program developed on the child's behalf is no more harsh, hazardous, or
9 intrusive than necessary; or involves no restrictions on physical movements nor
10 requirements for residential care except as reasonably necessary for the protection
11 of the child from physical injury; or protection of the community, and is conducted
12 at the suitable available facility closest to the child's place of residence;
- 13 (36) "Motor vehicle offense" means any violation of the nonfelony provisions of KRS
14 Chapters 186, 189, or 189A, KRS 177.300, 304.39-110, or 304.39-117;
- 15 (37) "Near fatality" means an injury that, as certified by a physician, places a child in
16 serious or critical condition;
- 17 (38) "Needs of the child" means necessary food, clothing, health, shelter, and education;
- 18 (39) "Nonoffender" means a child alleged to be dependent, neglected, or abused and who
19 has not been otherwise charged with a status or public offense;
- 20 (40) "Nonsecure facility" means a facility which provides its residents access to the
21 surrounding community and which does not rely primarily on the use of physically
22 restricting construction and hardware to restrict freedom;
- 23 (41) "Nonsecure setting" means a nonsecure facility or a residential home, including a
24 child's own home, where a child may be temporarily placed pending further court
25 action. Children before the court in a county that is served by a state operated secure
26 detention facility, who are in the detention custody of the Department of Juvenile
27 Justice, and who are placed in a nonsecure alternative by the Department of

1 Juvenile Justice, shall be supervised by the Department of Juvenile Justice;

2 (42) "Parent" means the biological or adoptive mother or father of a child;

3 (43) "Person exercising custodial control or supervision" means a person or agency that
4 has assumed the role and responsibility of a parent or guardian for the child, but that
5 does not necessarily have legal custody of the child;

6 (44) "Petition" means a verified statement, setting forth allegations in regard to the child,
7 which initiates formal court involvement in the child's case;

8 (45) "Physical injury" means substantial physical pain or any impairment of physical
9 condition;

10 (46) "Physically secure facility" means a facility that relies primarily on the use of
11 construction and hardware such as locks, bars, and fences to restrict freedom;

12 (47) "Public offense action" means an action, excluding contempt, brought in the interest
13 of a child who is accused of committing an offense under KRS Chapter 527 or a
14 public offense which, if committed by an adult, would be a crime, whether the same
15 is a felony, misdemeanor, or violation, other than an action alleging that a child
16 sixteen (16) years of age or older has committed a motor vehicle offense;

17 (48) "Qualified mental health professional" means:

18 (a) A physician licensed under the laws of Kentucky to practice medicine or
19 osteopathy, or a medical officer of the government of the United States while
20 engaged in the performance of official duties;

21 (b) A psychiatrist licensed under the laws of Kentucky to practice medicine or
22 osteopathy, or a medical officer of the government of the United States while
23 engaged in the practice of official duties, and who is certified or eligible to
24 apply for certification by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology,
25 Inc.;

26 (c) A psychologist with the health service provider designation, a psychological
27 practitioner, a certified psychologist, or a psychological associate licensed

- 1 under the provisions of KRS Chapter 319;
- 2 (d) A licensed registered nurse with a master's degree in psychiatric nursing from
3 an accredited institution and two (2) years of clinical experience with mentally
4 ill persons, or a licensed registered nurse with a bachelor's degree in nursing
5 from an accredited institution who is certified as a psychiatric and mental
6 health nurse by the American Nurses Association and who has three (3) years
7 of inpatient or outpatient clinical experience in psychiatric nursing and who is
8 currently employed by a hospital or forensic psychiatric facility licensed by
9 the Commonwealth or a psychiatric unit of a general hospital or a regional
10 comprehensive care center;
- 11 (e) A licensed clinical social worker licensed under the provisions of KRS
12 335.100, or a certified social worker licensed under the provisions of KRS
13 335.080 with three (3) years of inpatient or outpatient clinical experience in
14 psychiatric social work and currently employed by a hospital or forensic
15 psychiatric facility licensed by the Commonwealth or a psychiatric unit of a
16 general hospital or a regional comprehensive care center;
- 17 (f) A marriage and family therapist licensed under the provisions of KRS 335.300
18 to 335.399 with three (3) years of inpatient or outpatient clinical experience in
19 psychiatric mental health practice and currently employed by a hospital or
20 forensic psychiatric facility licensed by the Commonwealth, a psychiatric unit
21 of a general hospital, or a regional comprehensive care center; or
- 22 (g) A professional counselor credentialed under the provisions of KRS 335.500 to
23 335.599 with three (3) years of inpatient or outpatient clinical experience in
24 psychiatric mental health practice and currently employed by a hospital or
25 forensic facility licensed by the Commonwealth, a psychiatric unit of a general
26 hospital, or a regional comprehensive care center;
- 27 (49) "Residential treatment facility" means a facility or group home with more than eight

1 (8) beds designated by the Department of Juvenile Justice or the cabinet for the
2 treatment of children;

3 (50) "Retain in custody" means, after a child has been taken into custody, the continued
4 holding of the child by a peace officer for a period of time not to exceed twelve (12)
5 hours when authorized by the court or the court-designated worker for the purpose
6 of making preliminary inquiries;

7 (51) "School personnel" means those certified persons under the supervision of the local
8 public or private education agency;

9 (52) "Secretary" means the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;

10 (53) "Secure juvenile detention facility" means any physically secure facility used for the
11 secure detention of children other than any facility in which adult prisoners are
12 confined;

13 (54) "Serious physical injury" means physical injury which creates a substantial risk of
14 death or which causes serious and prolonged disfigurement, prolonged impairment
15 of health, or prolonged loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or
16 organ;

17 (55) "Sexual abuse" includes, but is not necessarily limited to, any contacts or
18 interactions in which the parent, guardian, person in a position of authority or
19 special trust, as defined in KRS 532.045, or other person having custodial control
20 or supervision of the child or responsibility for his or her welfare, uses or allows,
21 permits, or encourages the use of the child for the purposes of the sexual stimulation
22 of the perpetrator or another person;

23 (56) "Sexual exploitation" includes, but is not limited to, a situation in which a parent,
24 guardian, person in a position of authority or special trust, as defined in KRS
25 532.045, or other person having custodial control or supervision of a child or
26 responsible for his or her welfare, allows, permits, or encourages the child to
27 engage in an act which constitutes prostitution under Kentucky law; or a parent,

1 guardian, person in a position of authority or special trust, as defined in KRS
 2 532.045, or other person having custodial control or supervision of a child or
 3 responsible for his or her welfare, allows, permits, or encourages the child to
 4 engage in an act of obscene or pornographic photographing, filming, or depicting of
 5 a child as provided for under Kentucky law;

6 (57) "Social service worker" means any employee of the cabinet or any private agency
 7 designated as such by the secretary of the cabinet or a social worker employed by a
 8 county or city who has been approved by the cabinet to provide, under its
 9 supervision, services to families and children;

10 (58) "Staff secure facility for residential treatment" means any setting which assures that
 11 all entrances and exits are under the exclusive control of the facility staff, and in
 12 which a child may reside for the purpose of receiving treatment;

13 (59) (a) "Status offense action" is any action brought in the interest of a child who is
 14 accused of committing acts, which if committed by an adult, would not be a
 15 crime. Such behavior shall not be considered criminal or delinquent and such
 16 children shall be termed status offenders. Status offenses shall include:

- 17 1. Beyond the control of school or beyond the control of parents;
- 18 2. Habitual runaway;
- 19 3. Habitual truant;
- 20 4. Tobacco offenses as provided in KRS 438.305 to 438.340; and
- 21 5. Alcohol offenses as provided in KRS 244.085.

22 (b) Status offenses shall not include violations of state or local ordinances which
 23 may apply to children such as a violation of curfew;

24 (60) "Take into custody" means the procedure by which a peace officer or other
 25 authorized person initially assumes custody of a child. A child may be taken into
 26 custody for a period of time not to exceed two (2) hours;

27 (61) "Valid court order" means a court order issued by a judge to a child alleged or found

1 to be a status offender:

- 2 (a) Who was brought before the court and made subject to the order;
- 3 (b) Whose future conduct was regulated by the order;
- 4 (c) Who was given written and verbal warning of the consequences of the
- 5 violation of the order at the time the order was issued and whose attorney or
- 6 parent or legal guardian was also provided with a written notice of the
- 7 consequences of violation of the order, which notification is reflected in the
- 8 record of the court proceedings; and
- 9 (d) Who received, before the issuance of the order, the full due process rights
- 10 guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

11 (62) "Violation" means any offense, other than a traffic infraction, for which a sentence
12 of a fine only can be imposed;

13 (63) "Youth alternative center" means a nonsecure facility, approved by the Department
14 of Juvenile Justice, for the detention of juveniles, both prior to adjudication and
15 after adjudication, which meets the criteria specified in KRS 15A.320; and

16 (64) "Youthful offender" means any person regardless of age, transferred to Circuit
17 Court under the provisions of KRS Chapter 635 or 640 and who is subsequently
18 convicted in Circuit Court.

19 ➔Section 2. KRS 510.060 is amended to read as follows:

20 (1) A person is guilty of rape in the third degree when:

- 21 (a) He or she engages in sexual intercourse with another person who is incapable
- 22 of consent because he or she is mentally retarded;
- 23 (b) Being twenty-one (21) years old or more, he or she engages in sexual
- 24 intercourse with another person less than sixteen (16) years old;
- 25 (c) Being twenty-one (21) years old or more, he or she engages in sexual
- 26 intercourse with another person less than eighteen (18) years old and for
- 27 whom he or she provides a foster family home as defined in KRS 600.020;

- 1 (d) Being a person in a position of authority or position of special trust, as defined
 2 in KRS 532.045, he or she engages in sexual intercourse with a minor under
 3 eighteen (18)~~[sixteen (16)]~~ years old with whom he or she comes into contact
 4 as a result of that position; or
- 5 (e) Being a jailer, or an employee, contractor, vendor, or volunteer of the
 6 Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, or a detention
 7 facility as defined in KRS 520.010, or of an entity under contract with either
 8 department or a detention facility for the custody, supervision, evaluation, or
 9 treatment of offenders, he or she subjects a person who he or she knows is
 10 incarcerated, supervised, evaluated, or treated by the Department of
 11 Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, detention facility, or contracting
 12 entity, to sexual intercourse.
- 13 (2) Rape in the third degree is a Class D felony.
- 14 ➔ Section 3. KRS 510.090 is amended to read as follows:
- 15 (1) A person is guilty of sodomy in the third degree when:
- 16 (a) He or she engages in deviate sexual intercourse with another person who is
 17 incapable of consent because he or she is mentally retarded;
- 18 (b) Being twenty-one (21) years old or more, he or she engages in deviate sexual
 19 intercourse with another person less than sixteen (16) years old; or
- 20 (c) Being twenty-one (21) years old or more, he or she engages in deviate sexual
 21 intercourse with another person less than eighteen (18) years old and for
 22 whom he or she provides a foster family home as defined in KRS 600.020;
- 23 (d) Being a person in a position of authority or position of special trust, as defined
 24 in KRS 532.045, he or she engages in deviate sexual intercourse with a minor
 25 less than eighteen (18)~~[sixteen (16)]~~ years old with whom he or she comes
 26 into contact as a result of that position; or
- 27 (e) Being a jailer, or an employee, contractor, vendor, or volunteer of the

1 Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, or a detention
 2 facility as defined in KRS 520.010, or of an entity under contract with either
 3 department or a detention facility for the custody, supervision, evaluation, or
 4 treatment of offenders, he or she subjects a person who he or she knows is
 5 incarcerated, supervised, evaluated, or treated by the Department of
 6 Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, detention facility, or contracting
 7 entity, to deviate sexual intercourse.

8 (2) Sodomy in the third degree is a Class D felony.

9 ➔Section 4. KRS 530.020 is amended to read as follows:

10 (1) A person is guilty of incest when he or she has sexual intercourse or deviate sexual
 11 intercourse, as defined in KRS 510.010, with a person whom he or she knows to be
 12 an ancestor, descendant, uncle, aunt, brother, or sister. The relationships referred to
 13 herein include blood relationships of either the whole or half blood without regard
 14 to legitimacy, relationship of parent and child by adoption, ~~and~~ relationship of
 15 stepparent and stepchild, and relationship of step-grandparent and step-
 16 grandchild.

17 (2) (a) Incest is a Class C felony if the act is committed by consenting adults.

18 (b) Incest is a Class B felony if committed:

19 1. By forcible compulsion as defined in KRS 510.010(2); or

20 2. On a victim who is:

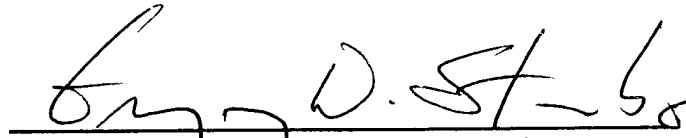
21 a. Less than eighteen (18) years of age; or

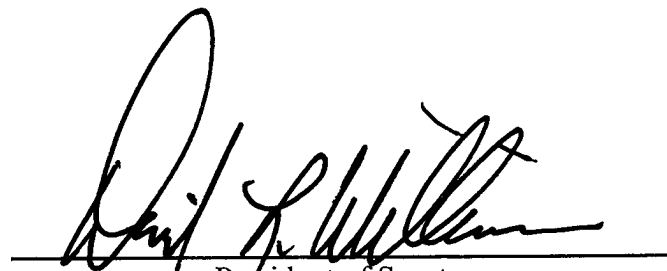
22 b. Incapable of consent because he or she is physically helpless or
 23 mentally incapacitated.

24 (c) Incest is a Class A felony if:

25 1. Committed on a victim less than twelve (12) years of age; or

26 2. The victim receives serious physical injury.


Speaker-House of Representatives


President of Senate

Attest: 
Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 
Governor

Date 4-18-12